

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A NATIONAL STAGE FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 307-67674-04
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.5) <b>10/586323</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2005/001681	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 14 January 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 January 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>STREAMLINED PALLET HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Robert D. Smets and John Stephen Smets</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). Items 5, 6, 9 and 21 indicated below are submitted to make this express request.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The United States has been elected in a Demand for International Preliminary Examination (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the International Application (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau to the United States Receiving Office).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) (unsigned)</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Form 1449, and 4 references cited thereon</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28 and 3.31 and the Recordal fee of \$40.00 are included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. § 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English-language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. § 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Opinion.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		

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The following fees are submitted:					
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)).....				\$300	\$ 300.00
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492 (c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....				\$0	\$ 00.00
All other situations .....				\$200	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Articles 33(1)-(4).....				\$0	\$ 00.00
Search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....				\$100	
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB .....				\$400	
All other situations .....				\$500	
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22, and 23 =</b>					<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
25 - 100	0 / 50 =	0	x \$250	\$	0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)).				\$	130.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	24 - 20 =	4	x \$50.00	\$	200.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	630.00
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<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	315.00
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The following, mailed on July 14, 2006 by Express Mail Label No. EV668455457US

was received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (35 USC 371 National Stage) (+1 copy)
- ☒ A copy of patent application (15 pages) and 7 drawings
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned)
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and 4 references
- ☒ International Search Report
- ☒ Written Opinion
- ☒ Deposit Acct. 02-4550 Authority
- ☒ Check for \$315 for filing fee

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